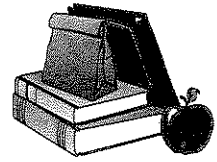


Diligence



What Is Diligence?

Diligence is working hard and doing the best job you possibly can. When you are diligent, you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being diligent is being industrious, giving all you have to give to whatever you do.

Why Practice It?

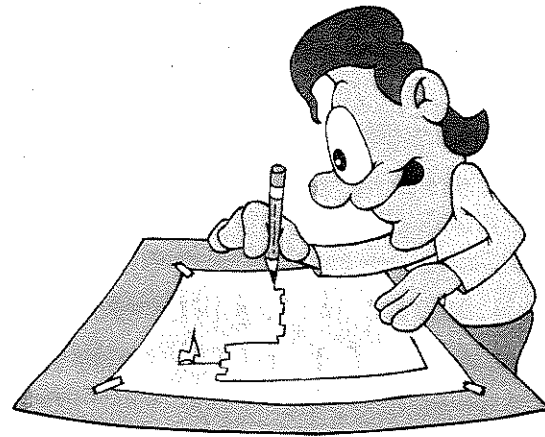
Without diligence, people act lazy and don't get much done. They act as if what they do doesn't count, rush through it or just do the least amount possible. Diligence helps you to get things done with excellence and enthusiasm. Diligence leads to success. When you are diligent about the things you do, people rely on you and trust you to give your best effort.



How Do You Practice It?

You practice diligence by deciding what you can do and then giving it all you have to give. You treat each action as important and do things carefully, one step at a time. You don't rush through things. You give them your full attention. Diligence takes patience. When you work hard, you can accomplish wonderful things.

The Virtues Project



What would Diligence look like if...

- You are washing the dishes for your family?
- You are doing an assignment you find boring?
- You want to be a musician?
- Some friends ask you to come out when you have a job to do?
- You feel like taking a break in the middle of a job?
- You have an idea for something you want to build?

Signs of Success

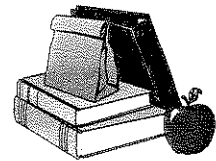
Congratulations! You are practicing Diligence when you...

- Pay attention to what you are doing
- Do things carefully, step by step
- Practice to the point of excellence
- Give your absolute best to what you do
- Work hard
- Don't give up

Affirmation

I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I give my best to whatever I do.

Activities with Diligence



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Give students a task that involves intricate sorting, such as different shapes of beads, or a sewing project. Invite them to do it with diligence.



Virtues Reflection Questions

- What do dishes look like when they are done without diligence?
- What do dishes look like when they are done with diligence?
- What difference could diligence make in your future success?
- Name three successful people and describe how they showed diligence in their careers.
- Name some jobs in which diligence is essential.
- What would it be like if people did a rushed, careless job of
 - building a bridge
 - performing an operation
 - painting a house
 - working in a laboratory.



Drawing Diligence

On one side draw someone doing an important job without diligence, on the other with diligence.



Poster Points

- Giving my best.
- Giving my all.
- A careful and thorough worker.
- Hard work leads to success.



Quotable Quotes

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence." Abigail Adams

"Diligence is the mother of good fortune."
Cervantes

"Failure and success are not accidents, but the strictest justice." Alexander Smith

"Everything comes to the one who waits, if he works while he waits." Anonymous

"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." Elmer Letterman

"The trouble with opportunity is that it often comes disguised as hard work." Anonymous

"Genius is 10% inspiration, 90% perspiration." Thomas Alva Edison